# FY 2014 RARE and RM Proposals by ORD Lab/Center and Division

## **National Exposure Research Laboratory**

### Atmospheric Modeling and Analysis Division

#### RM Proposal

Region 10 - Improvements to AERMOD/PRIME to address downwash from offshore platform emissions sources

#### **Ecological Exposure Research Division**

#### **RARE Proposals**

Region 3 - Building regional capacity to assess the impact of federal, regional, state, and local decisions on public health and to support the reduction of disproportionate impacts on overburdened communities

**Region 3** - Next generation bio-monitoring: Environmental DNA (eDNA) for the detection of sensitive, threatened, and endangered species (also NRMRL/WSWRD)

#### **Ecosystem Research Division**

#### **RARE Proposals**

Region 6 - An update to rates, constants, and kinetics formulations in surface water quality modeling (second edition) (multi-Region: R6 lead and R10)

**Region 10 -** Mercury cycling, biomagnification, and risk across western North America: A landscape scale synthesis to link long-term datasets (multi-Region: R10 lead, R8, and R9)

#### **Environmental Sciences Division**

#### RARE Proposal

Region 9 - Development of leading indicators of ecosystem function for BMP effectiveness, water quality standards, biological criteria, and TMDLs

# **Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division**

#### **RARE Proposals**

**Region 2 -** Citizen science toolbox (also NRMRL/APPCD)

Region 6 - Method comparison research study of passive and continuous gaseous oxidized mercury (GOM) monitors

**Region 9** - Using community-based air monitoring to understand bystander exposure to pesticide drift

#### RM Proposals

- **Region 4 -** Field evaluation of lower cost, continuous measurement of air pollutants (also NRMRL/APPCD)
- **Region 5 -** Developing surface wipe sampling methods for evaluating indoor contamination from pesticide misuse (also NHSRC/DCMD and TCAD)
- **Region 10 -** Comparison of soil sampling methods for asbestos at the Sumas Mountain Asbestos site Working towards a toolbox for quicker assessment

# Microbiological and Chemical Exposure Assessment Research Division RARE Proposals

- **Region 1 -** Applied research into integrated resource management for water, wastewater, solid waste, and energy in New England (also NHEERL/AED)
- **Region 6 -** Comprehensive microbial analyses of rainwater collection systems
- **Region 6 -** Human health risks associated with infrequent chlorination of drinking water systems found on tribal land
- Region 6 Understanding risks associated with the use of reclaimed water for potable use

# National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory

### **Atlantic Ecology Division**

#### **RARE Proposals**

**Region 1 -** Applied research into integrated resource management for water, wastewater, solid waste, and energy in New England (also NERL/MCEARD)

**Region 1 -** Impacts of coastal acidification on the ecological health of shellfish in Southern New England: Research to support climate change adaptation efforts

**Region 1 -** Enhancements to the watershed management optimization support tool

**Region 3 -** Bulkhead bio-enhancement to improve estuarine habitat and water quality of poorly flushed residential canals

**Region 3 -** Delving deeper in the Delaware Estuary: The establishment of a baseline for the estuary's nutrient concentrations and its buffering capabilities, and the creation of the first Delaware Estuary biological index for the tidal portion of the estuary (multi-Region: R3 lead and R2)

#### RM Proposal

**Region 1 -** Developing a metric for estimating the impact of changes in directly connected impervious area on flooding (also NRMRL/WSWRD)

#### **Environmental Public Health Division**

#### **RARE Proposal**

**Region 6 -** Investigating asthma prevalence along the US/Mexico border to better target interventions

#### **Western Ecology Division**

#### **RARE Proposals**

Region 7 - Prairie chicken viability modeling for the Flint Hills tall grass prairie

**Region 9 -** Comparing mineralized N in soil and crop yields from applications of digested vs. undigested dairy manure effluent

# **National Risk Management Research Laboratory**

#### **Immediate Office**

#### **RARE Proposal**

Region 2 - Sustainability system enterprise model (also ORD/IO and NRMRL/STD)

#### Air Pollution Prevention and Control Division

#### **RARE Proposals**

**Region 2 -** Citizen science toolbox (also NERL/HEASD)

**Region 8 -** Understanding emissions from control-related equipment used in oil and gas production operations to support EPA's air quality modeling of ozone non-attainment areas

#### RM Proposal

**Region 4 -** Field evaluation of lower cost, continuous measurement of air pollutants (also NERL/HEASD)

#### **Groundwater and Ecosystems Restoration Division**

#### **RARE Proposals**

**Region 2 -** Assessment of arsenic and other metals concentrations from natural and anthropogenic sources in the soils of Puerto Rico

**Region 2 -** Investigation of processes controlling attenuation and cleanup of a hexavalent chromium plume in fractured sedimentary bedrock

**Region 6** - Evaluation of wetland assimilation projects in the State of Louisiana

**Region 8 -** Predicting potential downgradient groundwater quality changes from in-situ recovery of uranium at the Dewey-Burdock site using core data and reactive transport modeling

#### **RM Proposal**

**Region 8 -** Method to determine maximum post-restoration contamination concentrations in ISR well fields to prevent breach of UIC aquifer exemption boundary and protect downgradient USDWs at the Dewey-Burdock site using core data and reactive transport modeling

#### Land Remediation and Pollution Control Division

#### RARE Proposals

**Region 2 -** Evaluating impacts of wood waste management on achieving net zero focusing on site cleanup waste

- **Region 8 -** Cost effective methodologies for deploying renewable energy systems (solar) on landfills and other waste repositories
- **Region 9 -** Sustainable approaches for materials management in remote, economically challenged areas

#### **Sustainable Technologies Division**

#### **RARE Proposals**

- **Region 2 -** Sustainability system enterprise model (also NRMRL/IO and ORD/IO)
- **Region 3 -** Application and refinement of green engineering materials management model for promoting re-use of high-value solvents
- **Region 6 -** USEPA planning for green infrastructure (GI) in New Orleans, LA- An investigation of local soil hydrologic attributes to inform GI selection and deployment for separate storm sewer system management
- **Region 7 -** Phase 2 Green infrastructure monitoring Investigation of soils for green infrastructure implementation in Omaha, NE through the development of a monitoring strategy

# Water Supply and Water Resources Division

#### **RARE Proposals**

- **Region 2 -** Bioinfiltration capacity demonstration 'right sizing project'
- **Region 2 -** Quantifying and modifying the long-term performance of urban green roofs for stormwater control
- **Region 3 -** Next generation bio-monitoring: Environmental DNA (eDNA) for the detection of sensitive, threatened, and endangered species (also NERL/EERD)

#### **RM Proposals**

- **Region 1 -** Developing a metric for estimating the impact of changes in directly connected impervious area on flooding (also NHEERL/AED)
- **Region 2 -** A next generation sequencing-based method for monitoring fecal pollution sources in tropical waters
- **Region 5 -** Methods for assessing the water quality degradation through water treatment plants during algal blooms
- **Region 10 -** Fecal source identification real-time quantitative PCR technology transfer to regional laboratories and field demonstration

# **National Homeland Security Research Center**

# Decontamination and Consequence Management Division and Threat Consequence Assessment Division

RM Proposal

**Region 5 -** Developing surface wipe sampling methods for evaluating indoor contamination from pesticide misuse (also NERL/HEASD)

### Office of the Assistant Administrator

# Immediate Office, Office of Sustainable Development RARE Proposal

**Region 2 -** Sustainability system enterprise model (also NRMRL/IO and NRMRL/STD)

# FY 2014 RARE Proposals by ORD Research Program

## Air, Climate and Energy

#### **RARE Proposals**

- **Region 2 -** Citizen science toolbox (also SHC)
- **Region 6** Investigating asthma prevalence along the US/Mexico border to better target interventions (also SHC)
- **Region 6** Method comparison research study of passive and continuous gaseous oxidized mercury (GOM) monitors
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#### **RM Proposals**

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## **Chemical Safety for Sustainability**

#### RARE Proposal

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#### RM Proposal

**Region 10 -** Comparison of soil sampling methods for asbestos at the Sumas Mountain Asbestos site - Working towards a toolbox for quicker assessment (also SHC)

## **Homeland Security**

#### RM Proposal

**Region 5 -** Developing surface wipe sampling methods for evaluating indoor contamination from pesticide misuse

# Sustainable and Healthy Communities

#### **RARE Proposals**

- **Region 1 -** Applied research into integrated resource management for water, wastewater, solid waste, and energy in New England (also SSWR)
- **Region 1 -** Impacts of coastal acidification on the ecological health of shellfish in Southern New England: Research to support climate change adaptation efforts (also SSWR)
- **Region 2 -** Assessment of arsenic and other metals concentrations from natural and anthropogenic sources in the soils of Puerto Rico (also CSS)
- **Region 2 -** Citizen science toolbox (also ACE)
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# Instructions for Accessing the Environmental Science Connector for Review of FY 2014 RARE and RM Proposals

Lab/Center Management	National Program Directors	
• Log in to Science Connector	• Log in to Science Connector	
• Go to the list of "My Projects" and choose "ORD RARE and RM Review FY14"	• Go to the list of "My Projects" and choose "ORD RARE and RM Review FY14"	
• On the list of "Folders," click on either "FY14 RARE Review" or "FY14 RM Review" (click on the + icon to open the subfolders)	• On the list of "Folders," click on either "FY14 RARE Review" or "FY14 RM Review" (click on the + icon to open the subfolders)	
• On the list of subfolders, click on "Labs/Centers" (click on the + icon to open the subfolders)	• On the list of subfolders, click on "NPDs" (click on the + icon to open the subfolders)	
• To view the review questions, click on "L/C Review Questions"	<ul> <li>To view the review questions, click on "NPD Review Questions"</li> <li>To view the abstracts</li> <li>Click on "RARE Abstracts Organized by Research Program" or "RM Abstracts Organized by Research Program"</li> <li>Click on the selected Research Program</li> <li>Click on the selected abstract</li> </ul>	
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For technical assistance with the Environmental Science Connector, please contact Valerie Blank or Jon Yuen.

# **Schedule for FY14 RARE and RM Programs**

DATE	MILESTONE	
May 8, 2013	RARE and RM processes initiated	
July 8, 2013	RSLs send RARE and RM proposals to OSP	
August 2, 2013	OSP sends proposals, organized by Lab/Center and ORD Research Program, to Lab/Center Directors and NPDs	
September 9, 2013	Deadline for posting ORD management comments on the Environmental Science Connector	
October 14, 2013	OSP sends consolidated ORD comments on RARE and RM proposals to RSLs	
December 13, 2013	RSLs provide final RARE and RM selections to OSP	
January 3, 2013	OSP sends final regional selections to Labs/Centers and NPDs	
April 30, 2014	ORD Labs/Centers send completed funding packages to OSP	

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